



We're working with the United States Coast Guard to clear abandoned vessels, trees and other storm debris from more than 130 miles of Livingston Parish waterways to ensure your safety and enjoyment. Read on ...



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MARINE
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PROGRAM

MARINE DEBRIS CLEANUP

in Livingston Parish

Abandoned vessels, tires, discarded appliances, tanks and trees soon will be cleared from Livingston Parish waterways.



The Louisiana Recovery Authority and the Governor's Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness called upon the federal government in 2007 to expand marine debris removal to smaller waterways frequented by recreational and commercial boats.

Livingston Parish is one of 23 parishes south of the 10/12 corridor eligible for the program, which targets only that debris that creates an economic, environmental or safety issue, and was caused by hurricanes Katrina or Rita. Cleanup is expected to begin in late winter or early spring.

Some 26 abandoned party barges, wooden pirogues, houseboats and pleasure craft are targeted for removal. Owners have until Dec. 19 to claim those vessels, or they will be declared abandoned and removed. Once an owner claims ownership of a vessel, he or she has 10 days to remove it, or it will be discarded at the owner's cost. For a listing and location of all Livingston Parish vessels slated for removal, go to www.louisianamarinedebris.com. For more information, call Fred Armand at 225-686-3066, Ext. 4.

Livingston Parish is partnering with the United States Coast Guard to clean up marine debris in the Amite River, the Tickfaw River, Lake Maurepas and other major waterways. Submerged, invisible vessels and other refuse prove hazardous to moving boats and swimmers. Their discarded carcasses also pose a danger to wildlife, impede navigation and pollute environmentally sensitive areas with leaking fuel or chemicals.

The project is part of the Louisiana Marine Debris Program, aimed at identifying, documenting and removing marine debris caused by hurricanes Katrina and Rita that continues to litter the state's waterways.

NINE TARGETED WATERWAYS

- ▶ Amite River
- ▶ Bayou Chene Blanc
- ▶ Blind River
- ▶ Blood River
- ▶ Diversion Canal
- ▶ Lake Maurepas
- ▶ Lizard Creek
- ▶ Natalbany River
- ▶ Tickfaw River

